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Executive Secretary

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July 4, 1985

Mr. William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I proudly enclose THE BALLAD OF AMERICA,
a tribute to the people of the United States.

President Reagan's response to a composition
written by Montreal student Gary Selby inspired
both the original music and lyrics. Narrated by
Canadian radio personality Ted Tevan, it echoes
the sentiments of all those intimately involved
in making this recording a reality.

I trust that the enclosed message will serve as a
constant reminder of how we Canadians perceive
and appreciate our great neighbour.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ben Kaye', with a stylized flourish underneath.

Ben Kaye
Composer and Producer of
THE BALLAD OF AMERICA

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 14, 1984

Dear Gary:

Thank you so much for sending me "The Ballad of America". I am always pleased to receive letters from friends in Canada and I was particularly touched by the fine tribute that you paid to the United States in your composition.

I, of course, share your view of this grand old Republic. While we have many difficulties to surmount at home and abroad, I believe that we are now on the way to even greater triumphs and achievements than those in America's glorious past. Hearing from friends like you in other nations strengthens that belief and rekindles my hope that free people everywhere, as in Canada and the United States, will keep the light of liberty burning.

Thank you again and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Ronald Reagan